



Modern Foreign Language



Philosophy

The MFL Policy at Bushbury Hill Primary School is designed to reflect the primary MFL entitlements.

At Bushbury Hill Primary School, there is a belief that the acquisition of a language is part of a broader curriculum involving language and culture. A high-quality languages education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.

We believe that the skills, knowledge and understanding gained through learning a new language make a major contribution to the development of children's oracy and literacy and to their understanding of their own culture/s and those of others.

Language also lies at the heart of ideas about individual identity and community, and learning another language can do a great deal to shape children's ideas in this area as well as giving them a new perspective on their own language.

The 2014 National Curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages aims to ensure that all children:

Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.

Are able to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions and that they are continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.

Can write at varying lengths for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.

Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

Implementation

Bushbury Hill Primary School provides Spanish language learning in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Each class has 1 x 30minute MFL lessons which is taught on a weekly basis.

A variety of language teaching methods are used to match groups and individuals with different learning styles, these include games, role-play, use of a range of media and songs.

The lessons are made as entertaining and enjoyable as possible, as we realise that this approach serves to develop a positive attitude in the children to the learning of modern foreign languages.

At Bushbury Hill Primary School, there is a clear progression of skills and understanding that builds through Key Stage based on the National Curriculum Programme of Study.

Teachers plan lessons with access to the Language Angels Scheme of Work, which supports staff in ensuring that their delivery of Spanish is accurate, even if they are not a Spanish speaker themselves.

This planning takes account of prior learning and builds on this. At each stage, the teacher will refer to prior learning and carry out informal assessment of children's stage of development before moving on.

Impact

The intended impact of the MFL Curriculum is that the majority of children in each year group:

Are working at or above the expected level for their age. (At the end of each unit, the teacher will carry out assessment linked to the progression in skills document.)

Are inspired by the MFL Curriculum and want to learn more.

Show the progression in their skills, knowledge and understanding in the work in their curriculum books.

Can discuss their learning and remember what they have learnt.

Learn about the country Spain and other Spanish speaking countries and what it is like to live there.